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Dear Clayton,

I'm sorry my hasty letter left so many questions. First a general explanation.

Almost all of my recent work has been on the general topic of the subject and title of a lengthy manuscript that grew like Topsy, Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. It examines both sides, mostly the so-called critic side. I have been making this work available to a number in academe. The means by which, until now, I have done that, is to give them computer disks they can print out. One turned out to be a problem when a program that is offbeat was used. More recently, when I had nobody to do the retyping, I've sent a few xeroxes of the rough draft that others will copy if they want it and then pass on.

We have beeb using double-spacing, with inch margins on both sides. and some quotations are indented an additional five spaces and single-spaced. The one who does the retyping provides me with a single printout and I read it along with the original or rough draft which as you have seen is sometimes hard to make out and I make corrections. I've then been sending the copy with corrections back for the corrections to be made. It is after they are made that the disks are duplicated and I distribute them.

Before I heard from you after writing you Dave Wrone, who has and had read the manuscript and has that familiarity with it, offered to retype the epilogue I suggested to you. He has begun that.

I have a manscript that has a sorry history and it should be retyped. Someone who said he is a former newspaper reporter offered to retype it and I sent it to him. As usual, I keep a copy so I can answer questions and in the event something happens to the original. When I heard nothing from that man after a long time I wrote him. He told me he had returned both the printout and the rough draft quite some time earlier. I asked him to ask his post office to put a tracer on it and I've not heard from him. What makes that one seen strange is that he had a bound copy of the rough draft that he'd made and placed in a binder. He would do that with the rough and not with the retyped copy? Anyway, I can send you that and it would be helpful if that were retyped.

What McKnight was saying is that I have at least a dozen manuscripts completed. Most of them have been retyped. Some, including the one mentioned above, have not been.

The only ones I've given out chapter by chapter were those done locally. Then sometimes I did. I work on the assumption that everyone is trustworthy. What

I've done is what was more convenient when it was done. Now it would be the complete manuscript because all I've been working on are completed except one I've just begun. I'll have to check, which is not as easy for me as it is for most people, but I think in all there are three that have not been retyped, plus an epilogue or two. And I think I'll have another of them soon. Hope to anyway. an epilogue.

McKnight was only trying to let it be known that there was that work for anyone wanting work. All I have will become Hood's property so there is that somewhat different situation. Some little is already there. Relatively little. He gave me your note so I could reply.

I do not believe that a real assassination investigation by Internet is possible and I have not heard of anything being put on it by anyone who had a real understanding of the available information that is at all dependable. Wish I could feel otherwise.

I do nothing to promote the sale of the books we have because if I have them and serious scholars want them I can provide them. I can now provide two by xerox only. The remaining supply is not great, there is no chance of any reprinting, so I want them to be available if and when needed. They are the basic works and alone are the source of that information. They also do not mislead with baseless theorizing.

I am pretty sure I have another copy of the manuscript I'll send. I want to compare the two so I can send you the more legible one. I think the one in some file, not the bound one, is more likely to be clearer. However, there will be a short delay. It is now 6 am, and in about an hour we will be driven to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Lil, my wife, has one consultation, I have two. The trip alone usually tires me so the search may be a bit much tomorrow but as soon as I am up to it I'll find that other copy and send you the one less difficult to make out.

Hope I've not failed to answer all your questions. And thanks for the good wishes.

My purpose has been to try to perfect the record for our history to the degree now possible for me. To leave the record for the possible use of others in the future.

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Weisberg